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SUBJECT: ASYLUM REQUESTS OF PAKISTANI CREWMEN

REF: MESSAGE OF MARCH 3

A. FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FOR ATTENTION MR. KAZANJIAN

1. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION PRESENTED, WE DO NOT CONSIDER CLAIMS TO ASYLUM MADE BY PAKISTANI CREWMEN HUSSAIN SHABBIR AND SYED DABEER H. KAZMI TO BE VALID. BASIS FOR THESE RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWS.

2. HUSSAIN SHABBIR'S PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP IN NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY WILL NOT CAUSE HIM TO BE PERSECUTED UPON RETURN TO PAKISTAN. THE NAP HAS BEEN DISSOLVED BY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT ORDER; THIS DECISION IS BEING APPEALED. ALTHOUGH LEADERS OF THE PARTY HAVE BEEN JAILED, PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAP IS NOT CONSIDERED A CRIMINAL ACT. THERE IS NO REASON FOR MR. SHABBIR TO FEAR THAT ANY

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ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM ON ACCOUNT OF HIS

MEMBERSHIP IN THE FORMER NAP.

3. SYED DABEER H. KAZMI'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE TEHRIK-I-ISTIKLAL PARTY IS THE BASIS OF HIS CLAIM. WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY GENERAL REPRESSIVE ACTS TAKEN AGAINST LEADERS OR MEMBERS OF THIS PARTY. THERE IS, THEREFORE,

NO REASON FOR MR. KAZMI TO FEAR THAT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST HIM BECAUSE OF HIS FORMER POSITION AS DISTRICT PROPAGANDA SECRETARY OF THE PARTY. THE PARTY HAS NOT BEEN BANNED AND IS OPERATING OPENLY AS AN OPPOSITION PARTY.

4. ON THE BASIS OF THE INFORMATION THUS FAR SUBMITTED, WE ARE UNABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT MR. SHABBIR AND MR. KAZMI SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM REGULAR IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WOULD SUFFER PERSECUTION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL OPINION OR MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP SHOULD THEY RETURN TO PAKISTAN. SHOULD THEY PRESENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH TO THE SERVICE SEEMS TO REQUIRE FURTHER REVIEW, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO RECONSIDER THE CASE. KISSINGER

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